

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

#### **Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN WANDA GRINDE**, on January 21, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 198, 1/16/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Grinde

**HEARING ON HB 198**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:43 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on  
HB 198, School employee health insurance incentive.

**Proponents Testimony:**

00:02:49 Tom Bilodeau, Research Director, MEA/MFT  
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh14a01)

00:20:11 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association  
00:23:36 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana  
00:25:41 David Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association  
00:27:36 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Helena Public  
Schools

**Opponents Testimony:** None

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh14a02) Letter from David Ewer, Director, Office of  
Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:30:01 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:11 Rep. Brown  
00:31:49 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:32:09 Rep. Brown  
00:33:03 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:33:08 Rep. Brown  
00:33:40 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:34:31 Rep. Brown  
00:34:53 Rep. Malek  
00:35:15 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:37:15 Rep. Malek  
00:37:55 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:40:00 Rep. Malek

00:40:15 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:42:17 Rep. Fleming  
00:42:26 Rep. Boniek  
00:42:56 Rep. Bean  
00:43:37 Rep. Hamilton  
00:44:02 Rep. Bean  
00:44:17 Rep. Hamilton  
00:44:26 Rep. Wagner  
00:45:25 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:45:34 Rep. Wagner  
00:46:16 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:47:35 Rep. Wagner  
00:47:47 Rep. Boniek  
00:48:29 Mr. Vogel  
00:49:19 Rep. Fleming  
00:50:00 Mr. Bilodeau  
00:51:02 Rep. Malek  
00:51:40 Mr. Vogel  
00:53:20 Rep. Malek  
00:53:35 Mr. Vogel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:53:53 Rep. Hamilton  
00:54:21 Chairman Grinde

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:04:54 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([edh14aad.pdf](#))**